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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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S E C R E T TAIPEI 1219

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PLOS, PFOR, CH, KS, US, TW

SUBJECT: GULF PLANS TO DRILL IN EAST CHINA SEA

REF: A) STATE 38185, B) STATE 44056, C) SEOUL 1372,  
D) TAIPEI0933

1. R.A. ADNDERSON, PRESIDENT OF GULF OIL COMPANY-ASIA,  
WHO IS IN TAIPEI AS MEMBER OF KENNEDY TRADE AND INVESTMENT  
MISSION, INFORMED ECONCOUNS MARCH 11 THAT SEA TRIALS  
WODECO VIII HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. RIG IS ON SITE IN  
GULF'S ZONE 2 CONCESSION (25-36-33NN 121-53-36E) AND  
WELL WILL BE SPUDDED IN MARCH 14. ANDERSON SATED GULF  
IS OPTIMISTIC THAT COMMERICAL QUANTITIES OIL AND/OR  
GAS ARE PRESENT IN ITS CONCESSION. IF TEST FIRST WELL  
ARE ENCOURAGING, IT IS LIKELY THAT RIG THEN WILL BE  
MOVED TO SECOND AND POSSIBLE OTHER SITES TO DRILL  
ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THE CONCESSION.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING GULF'S PLANS  
TO HAVE WODECO VIII MOVED TO ROK WATERS BEFORE DRILLING  
ADDITIONAL WELLS OFF TAIWAN, ANDERSON MERELY STATED  
THAT "MATTER IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION." HIS  
PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT STRUCTURES OFF TAIWAN ARE  
MUCH MORE PROMISING THAN THOSE OFF ROK AND HE IS  
HOPEFUL WAY CAN BE FOUND TO CONTINUE FRILLING IN  
FORMER AREA, IF TESTS ARE PROMISING, WITHOUT IN-  
CREASING OBJECTIONS FROM ROKG.

3. ANDERSON DID NOT BRING UP ZAPATA/GULF RELATIONSHIP  
NOR DID ECONCOUNS.  
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